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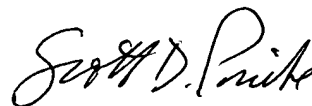
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The amendment filed 13 Mar. 2006 has been entered.

The terminal disclaimer filed on 13 Mar. 2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,113,028 and 7,005,277 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.


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